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	US 4,227,041		1980-10-07	DEN et al.			
	US 4,022,010		1977-05-10	GLADENBECK et al.			
	US 1,011,423		1911-12-12	GALE, Sr			
	US 5,149,057		1992-09-22	MEURER			
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